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1 February 1996

JFK Working Notes

Subject: ARRB Requests

References: J. Gunn's List of topics/requests (attached)
Meeting with J. Gunn, ARRB Staff, 25 Jan 1996
Meeting with C/HGR, Fred Wickham, Lee Carle,
31 January 1996

Intel Community Staff records for 1963:

HRG has identified records; will ask for written requests from ARRB

Watch Committee--National Indications Center records, 1963:

Have requested copy of the article he cites; will discuss with Patten, etc. If we have the records, will ask for written request; if not, will direct to appropriate organization.

Fabian Escalante's 201 file:

Gunn has reviewed the file; has some questions. Ellie is handling.

Presidential Libraries

JFK: Requested a joint trip in Feb/early Mar (apparently members of the Board member have a special interest in JFK library; Gunn has visited the library and feels a joint effort would be the most effective way to approach the records.)

I suggested a visit 27/28 Feb or first week in Mar to scope the collection and determine what will be required to review the records. We would send a review team later in the year.

LBJ: According to Gunn, the LBJ Library's assassination records collection is rather small. The ARRB has requested that the library copy the records and send them to Washington. Gunn does not think the LBJ Library reviewed the "Cuban" records when they identified the assassination records.

If LBJ sends the records to the ARRB, we will review the records at the ARRB offices. As for the "Cuban records," we can address them later.

Histories (see CIA-7 below.)

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"Cuba Book" - Cuban Counterrevolutionary Handbook (Gunn will obtain copy released to NARA).

Pursuing tapes: Does the Mexican Government have any records or tapes from the joint tap operation in 1963? The ARRB wishes to contact the Mexican Government but is concerned about the protection of the joint tap. Would the Agency be willing to facilitate?

This issue came up before, and, as I recall, the DO was not inclined to get involved. However, if the Board is determined to pursue on their own, they will probably be raising the subject with unwitting Mexican officials.

indices to the segregated collection; inventories:
Gunn said this was one of their priorities; Mary remembers the various inventories and indices from her days in the History Staff.

The is no complete index or inventory to the collections; there are a number of list/inventories prepared by various people including Russ Holmes over the years. We found them incomplete and did not use them in our review. We can make them available with the understanding that they may not reflect what is in any give file or folder. These inventories will raise the visibility of the Working Files (Russ Holmes) so we should be ready to address that issue.

1967 IG report Reel 48; zz 49 B: Priority; would like to present to the Board in the near future.

We can start a "re-review" next week.

ZR crypt; has a document with "ZR" in red over Oswald name. What does it mean?

Ellie working.

Searches for Oswald, Bishop: The Oswald-Bishop-CIA story is a favorite among conspiracies; one theory has Dave Phillips as Bishop. Can the Agency certify that all files have been checked and that there are no records of Oswald connection with "Bishop" or CIA?

This theory was well researched during the HSCA investigation; suggest that we revisit the question after the ARRB staff has reviewed the documents in the JFK records. I will discuss with Gunn.

CIA-1 organization request (dated 7 July 1995): Gunn will review the material we have collected. No action required for the present

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CIA-6 cables request (dated 11 September 1995): What is the status?

DO action; Fred W. to follow-up.

CIA-7 histories (dated 8 November 1995): What is the status? (HRG/DO agreed that the Mexico City and JMWAVE were reasonable requests, however, the rest of the request was too broad; Pereria letter to Marwell dated 5 December proposed discussions on the possibility of modifying/refining the request.) Gunn said that he, Marwell, and Mary were willing to meet with us to discuss the request.

Mexico City Station - ready for Gunn's review;
JMWAVE - DO searching for; Ellie has action;
Others - Recommend that we set up meeting in near future to discuss CIA-7.

New Orleans base: Will the organization material from CIA-1 contain information on New Orleans?

Probably not; I will contact DI/IRO re records on the OO office in New Orleans.

Geneva Diplomat, etc.: According to a letter received by the ARRB, this was a limited distribution "spook" newsletter circulated in Geneva in 1963; it is supposed to have predicted the assassination of JFK.

Told Gunn I would pass on the request but doubted that we would find anything. It is not the type of item that would be in our files even if such a newsletter existed. Maybe run a check on the name of newsletter and/or individual (Pahzerky/Perzerki).

Goodpasture and tape: Goodpasture says that a "working tape" was made of Oswald's phone conversation(s) in Mexico City; a copy was with the transcript. As for what happened to it, she thinks it may have been sent to Dallas by FBI. The ARRB is very interested in pursuing this lead; Marwell had previously asked me if there were records that would show that such "working tapes" were made. Gunn wants to know what the Manells, Bob Shaw, and others in Mexico City at the time knew about the Oswald working tape. Also ask about the Angleton inventory of Win Scott's Safe

I have asked to see the relevant parts of Goodpasture's deposition; will request except relevant to the request. We may consider having someone talk with Goodpasture to see how sure she was that there was a tape.

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Re Manella, Bob Shaw, etc., if we don't follow up, I suspect the Board will.

Win Scott's inventory: HRG will check JFK collection and with FOIA/OGC re his son's request.

New Request: that the Agency facilitate a meeting with Jack Whitten. Gunn said the Board is sympathetic to Whitten's situation and concerns, but given his key role in the story, they want to talk with him.

DO action - Fred W.

Gunn acknowledged that Whitten would probably not be receptive to a direct request from the Board for an interview.

Gunn's Priorities:

- 1) trip to JFK Presidential Library
- 2) indices/inventories to collection
- 3) 1967 IG Report
- 4) CIA - 7 histories
- 5) CIA - 6 cables



Barry Harrelson

Attachment: as stated

CC - C/HRG
DO JFK team
Fred W. (faked)

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Gunn's list of topics/requests

Intel Community Staff

Watch Committee--National Indications Center (abolished 1975)

Calendar Year 1963

See Cynthia M. Grabo, "The Watch Committee . . ." *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, Vol. 3 No. 3 (19??).

Fabian

Libraries

JFK

LBJ

Histories

esp JMWAVE; Mexico City, Anti-Castro Cubans

"Cuba Book"

pursuing tapes

~~Lucy A. Dillinger, Gestetner~~

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1967 IG report Reel 48; zz 49 B;

ZR crypts;

CIA-no. 8 (New Orleans);

searches for Oswald, Bishop;

CIA-1 organization

CIA-6 cables

CIA-7 histories

New Orleans base

Geneva Diplomat

published by Pahzerky/Perzerki

mimeographed newsletter

Goodpasture and tape